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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE SECOND OFFICE ACTION AFTER RCE

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated July 3, 2008, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the amendments remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.